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World Powers Spend Estimated \$3 Billion Yearly For Intelligence

The one secret that every world power has been able to preserve from penetration by the secret agents of other nations is the exact financial cost of its secret service. Mention operational costs and the intelligence organizations of all world powers become more secretive than ever.

The huge expenditures by every nation for the international war of wits is concrete evidence that all are extremely aware of the need to know what is going on. In this age of atomic warfare, supersonic jets, hydrogen bombs, the world could be thrown into a frightening war of annihilation in the course of an hour. To survive, nations must maintain a vast, intricate round-the-clock spy systems funneling clandestine information to the hearts of their government.

Once a year, on Budget Day in the House of Commons, the British Foreign and other Secret Services appropriations come to light. The 1954 figure of 3 million pounds, the highest in the history of British secret service, reveals only public funds allotted, whereas the bulk of Britain's intelligence budget comes from private sources.

Likewise, the budget of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency is not known. Published estimates, however, run from \$500 million to \$800 million. The only allotment specifically designated for U. S. Army Intelligence is "Activity 2.00" which includes "Activity 2131," secret intelligence. The \$544,000 the U. S. Army requested for intelligence in the 1954-'55 budget is but a fraction of CIA's top secret budget.

CIA Director Allen Dulles estimates Russia's intelligence budget at two billion dollars annually for subversion alone, not including the cost of gathering information. It is interesting to note that all financial transactions of Soviet intelligence are in American dollars.

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